

SEC. 2. (a) If the trial of any case has been entered upon in the northern district of Alabama before said district judge for the northern and middle districts of Alabama and has not been concluded on or before the date of enactment of this Act, the jurisdiction in such northern district of said judge shall be deemed to be extended as to such trial until it has been concluded.

Pending trials in northern district, jurisdiction extended until conclusion.

(b) The said judge shall have power, notwithstanding his absence from such northern district, to decide all matters which have been submitted to him within such district, to decide motions for new trials, settle bills of exceptions, certify or authenticate narratives of testimony, or perform any other act required by law or the rules to be performed in order to prepare any case so tried by him for review in an appellate court; and his action thereon in writing filed with the clerk of the court where the trial or hearing was had shall be as valid as if such action had been taken by him within such district and prior to the date of enactment of this Act.

Powers continued.

SEC. 3. Nothing in this Act shall be construed to alter or amend any provision of law relating to the designation and assignment of a district judge to hold court in a district other than his own.

Assignment to hold court in another district.

Approved, June 5, 1936.

[CHAPTER 516.]

AN ACT

To extend the times for commencing and completing the construction of certain free highway bridges across the Red River, from Moorhead, Minnesota, to Fargo, North Dakota.

June 5, 1936.

[S. 3945.]

[Public, No. 657.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the times for commencing and completing the construction of two free highway bridges across the Red River, between Moorhead, Minnesota, and Fargo, North Dakota, authorized to be built by the State Highway Departments of the States of Minnesota and North Dakota by an Act of Congress approved June 4, 1934, heretofore extended by an Act of Congress approved August 5, 1935, are hereby further extended one and three years, respectively, from June 4, 1936.

Red River.
Time extended for bridging, Moorhead, Minn., to Fargo, N. Dak.

Vol. 48, p. 842; *Ante*, p. 536.

SEC. 2. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Amendment.

Approved, June 5, 1936.

[CHAPTER 517.]

AN ACT

To amend section 28 of the Enabling Act for the State of Arizona, approved June 20, 1910.

June 5, 1936.

[S. 4230.]

[Public, No. 658.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 28 of the Act entitled "An Act to enable the people of New Mexico to form a constitution and state government and be admitted into the Union on an equal footing with the original States; and to enable the people of Arizona to form a constitution and state government and be admitted into the Union on an equal footing with the original States", approved June 20, 1910, is amended (1) by striking out the proviso in the third paragraph thereof and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "Provided, That nothing herein contained shall prevent said State of Arizona from leasing in a manner as the State legislature may direct, any of said lands referred to in this

Enabling Act, State of Arizona, amendment.

Restrictions on power to dispose of certain lands modified.
Vol. 36, p. 574.

Proviso.
Leases for grazing, etc.

For mineral development.

Sale of grants at appraised value.

Exchanges for public or privately-owned lands, authorized.

Proviso.
Public lands, subject to approval.

section for grazing and agricultural purposes for a term of ten years or less, or from leasing any of said lands for mineral purposes (including leases for exploration of oil and gas and extraction thereof) for a term of twenty years or less"; (2) by striking out in the fourth paragraph thereof "nor in any case less than the minimum price hereinafter fixed,"; (3) by striking out in the fifth paragraph thereof "three dollars per acre" and inserting in lieu thereof "their appraised value"; and (4) by inserting between the fifth and sixth paragraphs thereof the following new paragraph:

"The State of Arizona is authorized to exchange any lands owned by it for other lands, public or private, under such regulations as the legislature thereof may prescribe: *Provided*, That such exchanges involving public lands may be made only as authorized by Acts of Congress and regulations thereunder."

Approved, June 5, 1936.

[CHAPTER 518.]

AN ACT

June 5, 1936.

[S. 4326.]

[Public, No. 659.]

Granting the consent of Congress to the Department of Public Works of Massachusetts to construct, maintain, and operate a free highway bridge across the Connecticut River at or near Northampton, Massachusetts.

Connecticut River. Massachusetts may bridge, at Northampton.

Construction.
Vol. 34, p. 84.
U. S. C., p. 1474.

Amendment.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the consent of Congress is hereby granted to the Department of Public Works, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to construct, maintain, and operate a free highway bridge and approaches thereto across the Connecticut River, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, at or near the city of Northampton, Massachusetts, in accordance with the provisions of an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters", approved March 23, 1906.

SEC. 2. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, June 5, 1936.

[CHAPTER 519.]

AN ACT

June 5, 1936.

[S. 4340.]

[Public, No. 660.]

To authorize the President to designate an Acting High Commissioner¹ to the Philippine Islands.

Philippine Islands. Designation of Acting High Commissioner to, in event of vacancy, etc.

Powers and duties.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President is hereby authorized, in his discretion, to designate a member of the staff of the United States High Commissioner to the Philippine Islands or an officer of the Army or Navy of the United States, to act as the High Commissioner in the event of a vacancy in said office, or the temporary disability or absence of the High Commissioner, and the official so designated shall have all the powers and perform all the duties of the High Commissioner during such vacancy, disability, or absence.

Approved, June 5, 1936.

¹ So in original.